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TAB B

INTER-OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROBLEM

1. To review the development and accomplishments of IOTAC during the four years of its existence, to assess the current status of IOTAC in the light of its original mission, and to make recommendations as to its future.

ASSUMPTIONS

2. It is assumed that CIA's Implementation of NSC-169, Electro-magnetic Communications, TAB A paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, dated 7 January 1954 remains valid and in force under NSC-1910.

FACTS

3. IOTAC was established in 1954 by a joint decision of DD/I, DD/P and D/CO, (TAB A).

4. In accordance with its original charter (Annex A) the Committee has focused its attention mainly on the NSC-169 problems and on the preparation of progress reports as requested by the DCI, the OCB, the ODM or by its membership. On several occasions, upon request, the Committee has undertaken actions concerning telecommunications matters not specifically related to NSC-169.

5. As of 15 May 1958, by the record of action of NSC, NSC-169 was revoked and a new directive, NSC-1910, approved by the President, stipulated the specific responsibilities of OCB and ODM for the continuation of the basic activities of NSC-169. It also stated that the rescission of NSC-169 was not intended to cancel or change any of the programs authorized or being carried out under NSC-169.

6. The effect of NSC-1910 upon Agency activities under rescinded NSC-169 has been reviewed and assessed in a staff study "Agency Responsibilities Under NSC Action 1910, 15 May 1958". It concludes that with the exception of O/C responsibilities for Project [REDACTED] that was fulfilled in 1955, the responsibilities of the interested elements remain essentially unchanged.

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DISCUSSION

7. IOTAC was established to ensure that the responsibilities assigned to CIA by NSC-169 (Statement of Policy on Electromagnetic Communications) were properly coordinated and carried out.

8. IOTAC has been an effective mechanism for the exchange of information on all aspects of Agency responsibilities under NSC-169, for the formulation of coordinated views, opinions and actions concerning NSC-169 and related areas which affect more than one operational element of the Agency, and for the coordination of the Agency activities under NSC-169 with OCB and with other departments and agencies of the government.

9. In addition, IOTAC has contributed materially to the general telecommunications intelligence effort, and has proved of considerable value to the solution of specific problems in the branches of telecommunications other than those specifically related to NSC-169.

CONCLUSIONS

10. Under the stated assumption, IOTAC should continue to function as outlined in the agreement, 7 January 1954, in order to provide advice guidance, and coordination to the various offices of the Agency under rescinded NSC-169, now NSC-1910.

11. Its mission should be extended to cover the interrelated and overlapping interests and activities of its member offices in the general field of telecommunications.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised statement of mission and functions of IOTAC as set forth in Annex B be approved.

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